



Elizabeth "Betsy" Klingler

September 16, 1931 - October 7, 2023

Elizabeth (Betsy) Cox Klingler died October 7, 2023. Born in 1931 to Edmund and Helen (Rose) Cox, she grew up in Pleasantville, NY with her sisters Sue and Gail. She attended Primary and High School in Pleasantville, then went on to major in Latin at Barnard College where she played on their basketball team, graduating in 1953.

She was employed as a social worker by Westchester County until she married Richard Klingler in 1956. They split their time between Pleasantville and East Chatham from 1956 to 1960 while adding two sons to their family. In 1960 they purchased their farm in East Chatham which has been their home ever since. In 1962 their third son was born, followed by a daughter in 1968.

Besides her duties as a farmer's wife and mother, Betsy worked part time for Columbia County Social Services while volunteering as a member of the East Chatham Fire Co. Ladies' Auxiliary. In November 1975 she took a full time position with Columbia County Social Services as a caseworker handling both foster care and adoptions before her promotion to Supervisor of Children's Services until she retired in 1995. Not one to sit idle, Betsy began volunteering as a literacy tutor, teaching adults to read while continuing to raise vegetables for the Whistlestop Farm Stand with her husband.

Betsy was an avid Siena Basketball fan who could frequently be heard yelling

at the TV, radio or from the stands. She also enjoyed watching tennis and golf on TV.

Her sharp wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed. She will be remembered for being kind, hard-working and generous.

Betsy is survived by her husband Richard, children Edmund (Trang), James, Richard (Jennifer) and Abigail (Robert Horn), as well as nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is pre-deceased by a great-granddaughter, Emslie.

The family would like to thank the staff of the FASNY Firefighter's Home in Hudson, NY for their compassion, understanding and outstanding care throughout her stay.

There will be no calling hours but a memorial service is being planned for Spring of 2024.